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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my support of the Microsoft settlement. Although I believe that the antitrust case was without merit, I am pleased to finally see resolution in the case. The federal government should not have the right to meddle with private enterprise, especially when that enterprise has so hugely benefited a developing industry while well serving consumer's interests and where monopolistic behavior has not existed.

Given these sentiments, I believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the economy and the IT industry, as it will allow Microsoft to return full focus to its business. Microsoft has agreed to the formation of a technical review board. This board will have the position of ensuring Microsoft's compliance with the terms of the agreement.

Obviously Microsoft has made significant concessions in an attempt to resolve this issue. I would hope that the Dept. of Justice would enact the settlement at the end of January.

Sincerely,

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